

CAPAFR Proposed Changes to CRC Northern California Assembly Visualizations

The Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting (CAPAFR) thanks the California Citizens Redistricting Commission for their time, dedication and effort in trying to respect the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities of interest as they draw State Assembly, Senate, Congress and Board of Equalization districts. While the Commission has heard AAPI community testimony and reviewed our two mapping responses, we feel there are still changes that could be made to better keep our communities whole.

The district configurations proposed in the Unity Assembly plan represent our view of how the geographical integrity of AAPI communities of interest in California can properly be respected. In some areas of Northern California, the Commission's latest Assembly visualizations differ dramatically from this view. The mapping suggestions we offer are intended to provide the Commission and its line-drawers with a basic idea on how, working within a less than ideal framework the Commission has decided upon for Assembly districts in some areas, it can minimize fragmentation of AAPI communities of interest or their submergence into districts with significantly dissimilar areas.

The proposed changes are submitted in response to the Commission's visualizations posted on July 13th and 14th to the Commission's website. We have heard the Commission say that no major changes will be made to these visualizations. In response to this directive, we propose a set of minor changes to specific regions, which are listed below. Each of the proposed changes requires only a two to three district population shift that is relatively minor and would not disturb neighboring regions. We hope the attached description and GIS files will be helpful to both the Commissioners and Q2.

Attached are shapefiles and a block assignment file that illustrates these proposed changes for Northern California. CAPAFR will be submitting additional proposed changes and a description for proposed Southern California changes by Monday, July 18, 2011.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (SUBMITTED 7/15/11)

Sacramento County & Surrounding areas

CAPAFR-Sacramento asks the Commission to **not** make the changes that were given to Q2 on July 13, 2011. We request that Vineyard not be placed into SACEG as the Commission directed during its business meeting because of the negative impact that would occur from moving population between WSAC, ESAC and SACEG. The directions were intended to "unify the AAPI community"; however, this change would further split the AAPI community in this area by creating further divisions in South Sacramento near Fruitridge Blvd. We ask that the Commission keep its current visualization that splits South Sacramento but keeps the Green Haven Pocket and other South Sacramento neighborhoods south of Sutterville Rd in the SACEG district.

While the preference of AAPI communities in South Sacramento would be to include the area south of Sutterville Road, Elk Grove, Florin and the city of Vineyard in one district, this would require Galt, Lodi and other southern communities to be moved to another district. We

understand that the Commission chose the SACEG configuration to include these southern rural communities. Based on this understanding, our coalition asks the Commission not to make any changes to these districts that might further split the AAPI community, unless it is to fully unite the community of interest listed above.

CAPAFR proposed changes for Sacramento County & Surrounding Areas:

None, keep districts same as 7/13/11 visualization. Do not follow through with directions given on July 13, 2011.

San Francisco & San Mateo Counties

CAPAFR-San Francisco/San Mateo appreciates the Commission's current visualization which includes Excelsior and Visitacion Valley whole within the eastern ESF district, creating a low-income community of interest connecting these areas with Bay View, Mission and Chinatown. The LGBT community is kept whole within ESF, the Chinese American communities within Sunset and Richmond are kept whole in WSFDC and Daly City is kept whole.

We ask the Commission to keep the San Francisco districts the same with only a minor change in South San Francisco to better unite the Filipino American population in this area. In district WSFDC, we propose bringing more of Census Tract 6026 into WSFDC from NSNMT to unify the split census tract and unify more of the Filipino American Community in WSFDC. This change keeps WSFDC within 1% deviation, moving about 3,742 residents.

CAPAFR proposed changes for San Francisco & San Mateo Counties:

Remainder of Census Tract 6026 moved into WSFDC from NSNMT.

Santa Clara County

CAPAFR-Santa Clara appreciates the efforts of the Commission to ensure that the Evergreen and Berryessa neighborhoods were kept whole. However, Little Saigon is split in the current configuration and the Silicon Valley community of interest comprised of the cities of Cupertino, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale and Mountain View is not kept together. In addition, it is apparent that the Commission has decided to reduce the number of Assembly Districts in this region.

Though the Assembly District configuration requires significant compromises by Santa Clara County residents, we acknowledge that addressing these problems would require major changes. Because we understand only minor changes can be made, we propose two minor changes to this area to ensure the eastern Santa Clara county neighborhoods are kept whole.

CAPAFR proposed changes for Santa Clara County:

- 1) MLPTS: Expand the western boundary past Coyote Creek to Hwy 880 and Hwy101 to include more of Berryessa Road and Mabury Road, two major roads in the Berryessa neighborhood.
- 2) SANJO: Unify Little Saigon by moving blocks from MLPTS to SANJO south of Story Rd just east of the 101. Little Saigon is bounded by Story Rd, King Rd, Senter and Capital Expressway. This area should be kept with Evergreen to unify the Vietnamese American community in San Jose. Population north of Ocala between Capitol Expressway and Mount Pleasant Rd could be moved from SANJO to MLPTS to balance population between the two districts.

Fresno County

CAPAFR-Fresno appreciates the efforts the Commission has made to keep the Hmong Refugee neighborhood partially in the Latino 50% CVAP district and includes Sanger and the farmland between Fowler and Selma, where many Hmong farmers lease land. However, this visualization continues to split part of the neighborhood bounded by Temperance, Jensen, First and Shields Avenues.

We propose that the Commission unify more of the Hmong Refugee neighborhood as listed below, while maintaining 50.81% Latino CVAP for FSEC2 district. While the neighborhood would still be divided, this would help to ensure that the Hmong refugee community would be able to collectively advocate to a single policymaker.

CAPAFR proposed changes for Fresno County:

Include more of the Hmong refugee community in FSEC2 by including the blocks south of E McKinley Ave and north of E Kings Canyon Ave and west of Fowler Ave in the FSEC2 district. Place blocks south of W Shields Ave and north of W Clinton Ave between N Marks Ave and N Fruit Ave in FRSNO district to balance population.

Alameda County

CAPAFR-Alameda appreciates the Commission's efforts to keep together core AAPI communities in Oakland and Alameda and respect the integrity of low-income communities in the Oakland flats. Although Commission had received testimony asking for San Leandro to be kept together with San Lorenzo, Cherryland and Ashland, we recognize that at this point of the process, moving San Leandro out of the district would be considered a major change that would create ripple effects which would be difficult to manage. If major changes are required in this area, we would prefer that the Commission would use the unity map lines that we proposed in this area.

CAPAFR proposed changes for Alameda County:

None. If major changes are required, please consider the Unity map submitted on June 28, 2011.